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1. A Soviet depot ship arrived at Wismar in the middle of October and is now lying in dock at the Mathias Thesen shipyard for a general overhaul. It is getting a third screw and new engines. The inner hull, which is of wood, will be replaced. The Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock is delivering the engines. The loading mechanism of the ship will be revamped. The superstructure is also being changed.
2. The ship must be ready by 15 Dec 53. It will then load at Wismar. A Soviet engineer from Odessa is supervising the work. He lives in Lübschenstrasse, Wismar. The cranes and windlasses have not yet been delivered, and the plastic material and light metal for the inner hull are still lacking.

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